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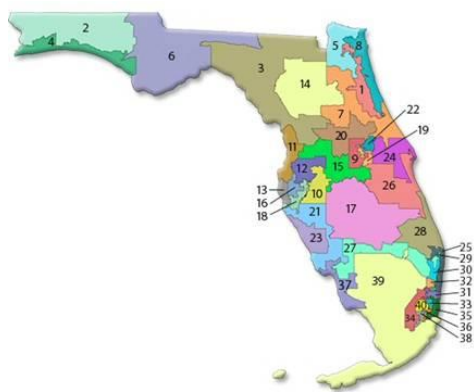
# THE SACHS SENTINEL

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## Back in the District



### Senator Sachs Attends First Public Hearing on Redistricting



On Monday, Senator Sachs, who sits on the prestigious Committee on Redistricting, was present in Tallahassee for the first public hearing on the redistricting process. The Senator listened to hours of testimony on what the public demanded from the legislature regarding the drawing of our electoral boundaries. **"What we heard from those who came to testify this past Monday before members of the committee is that they want the process to be fair and transparent,"** said Senator Sachs. **"I will make sure that we draw fair districts that uphold last year's mandate of Amendments 5 & 6 to**

**the Florida Constitution."** The Senator will be hosting an educational workshop on redistricting on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the Hagen Ranch Library (14350 Hagen Ranch Road), from 2:00-4:00pm. To register, please visit [www.mariasachs.com/redistricting](http://www.mariasachs.com/redistricting).

### Senator Sachs Receives Warm Welcome at Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce

Senator Sachs recently addressed the legislative concerns of the Trustees at the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The Senator spoke about the need to strengthen Medicaid and our educational system. **"The first step in strengthening Florida's economy is demonstrating that we have a top-notch system of public education and that we take care of our most vulnerable Floridians,"** said Senator Sachs. **"No company wants to relocate its workforce to a state that fails to properly invest in the well being of all of its citizens."**



Sen. Sachs addressing Trustees of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce.



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## Senator Sachs to Close Loophole in Sex Offender Laws

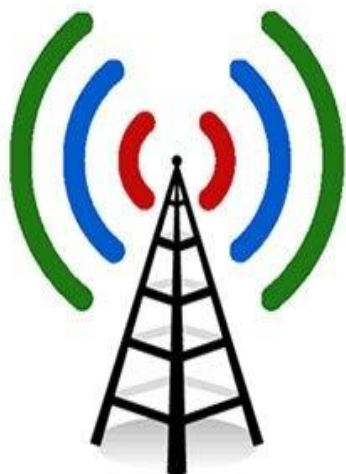
A loophole exists in Florida Statute 775.215, titled Residency Restriction for Persons Convicted of Certain Sex Offenses, which allows registered sex offenders to live in the same household as children. Senator Sachs will file legislation to close the loophole this upcoming session.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 943.0435, all convicted sex offenders/predators must enlist in a registry maintained by the sheriff's office of the county in which they reside. However, there is nothing presently that prohibits registered sex

offenders from living in the same household with children. Presently there are nearly 900 registered sex offenders/predators living in Palm Beach County. **"I am shocked to hear about this loophole,"** said Senator Sachs. **"I will file legislation this upcoming session to make sure that no longer will sex offenders be able to live with children in this state."**



Senator Sachs addresses loophole in sex offender laws in an interview on WPRF Ch. 25



## Senator Sachs Supports Public Broadcasting

Upon signing the budget, Governor Rick Scott vetoed \$4.8 million in funding for public broadcasting. In a statement this week, Senator Sachs reiterated her support for state funding for public broadcasting: **"Public broadcasting is a tremendous asset to our state. Governor Scott's veto of \$4.8 million in funding for public broadcasting a few weeks ago has come as a shock to many. The hundreds of phone calls that I have been receiving in my office speak to the interest that people have in keeping public broadcasting. I urge everyone to contact your legislators and the Governor's office to voice your opposition to the veto. I will always stand as an ally to public broadcasting in Florida."**



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